

## Distil PLC

### **Distil celebrates the first distillation at Ardgowan Distillery with limited-edition release, Blackwoods First Drop**

Distil plc (AIM:DIS), owner of premium drinks brands Blackwoods Gin and Vodka, RedLeg Spiced Rum, TRØVE Botanical Vodka and Blavod Black Vodka, is pleased to announce the release of limited-edition Blackwoods First Drop Gin.

To celebrate the first distillation of Blackwoods at its new home at the Ardgowan Distillery, Distil is pleased to announce the release of Blackwoods First Drop, a limited release of just 1,500 numbered bottles.

Created in partnership with Master Distiller, Sion Edwards, Blackwoods First Drop is an exclusive twist on the award-winning range. Distilled in the traditional one-shot method using the full capacity of Ardgowan's 1,000L, Scottish-crafted copper still, nothing but water is added post-distillation.

The First Drop mirrors the award-winning Blackwoods Vintage Gin recipe, using local Scottish botanicals (kelp, sea buckthorn and water mint). Bottled at 43% ABV, the one-shot method elevates the profile, creating mineral and peppery notes on the nose at first, with a slight hint of brine. On the palate, the first drop is fully of oily juniper and bright citrus with a savoury, coastal finish. A full mouthfeel and richer flavour, this gin will shine in a martini.

For the limited edition First Drop, Blackwoods' unique faceted bottle is adorned with premium-finished, numbered labels, featuring an illustration of the still and elements to evoke the landscape surrounding the distillery.

Blackwoods First Drop is available for shareholders to order now via [blackwoodsgin.co.uk/products/blackwoods-first-drop-gin](https://blackwoodsgin.co.uk/products/blackwoods-first-drop-gin) using the password FIRSTDROPVIP.

500 bottles of Blackwoods First Drop will be password-protected for shareholders until Saturday 7 September, when it will be available at the Ardgowan Open Day.

Commenting on the launch, Sarah Kingsbury, Marketing Director, said: "The first distillation at Ardgowan marks a significant milestone in the Blackwoods brand story, and it felt fitting to mark the occasion with a limited-edition release. By making this available to our shareholders first, allows us the opportunity to thank them for their ongoing support.

Production moving to the brand's new home at Ardgowan marks the start of a new era for Blackwoods. Works near completion on-site to fit-out the visitor experience, and a programme of new product development is in progress. We look forward to showcasing this and welcoming guests to our new home in the near future."

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### **About Distil**

Distil Plc is quoted on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. It owns drinks brands in a number of sectors of the alcoholic drinks market. These include premium spiced rum, vodka, gin, vodka vanilla cream liqueur and are called RedLeg Spiced Rum, Blackwoods Vintage Gin, Blackwoods Vodka, TRØVE Botanical Vodkas, Blavod Original Black Vodka and Diva Vodka.

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